

Appeal/Waiver Request

Regarding CC Docket # 02-6

Applicant Name: Belton School District #124

Billed Entity Number: 137104

Funding Year: 2017-2018

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This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal

Waiver/Appeal Request Detail: 471 Out of Window Certification

Deadline: May 11, 2017

Date Submitted: May 12, 2017

Date Certified: May 12, 2017

Form 471 Information: 171047667

Funding Request Number(s): 1799111559

Service Provider Name: CDWG

Service Provider Identification Number: 143005588

Form 471 Information: 171047739

Funding Request Number(s): 1799111619

Service Provider Name: Lan-Tel

Service Provider Identification Number: 143048634

USAC Designation/ reason for appeal:

Funding Year 2017 471 filed outside of window

Rationale for this Request:

During the E-Rate 471 filing window for 2017, I had the responsibility of filing these funding requests for the Belton School District. We ran into several obstacles that included multiple requests from USAC to refile our 470 due to their recommended improvements in RFP wording related to fiber construction that caused us to move our deadline to the very last day. The contracts for these particular 471s were up for approval at the board meeting that night before they could be signed. The board meeting ran long due to circumstances outside of our control. As a result, these particular Form 471s could not be filed and certified by the deadline. However they were both filed and certified within an hour of the deadline on May 12th 2017, within 14 days the funding window close and within the extended certification window deadline of May 25th,

Circumstances to Consider –

1. Two important infrastructure E-Rate 471 request were entered in the USAC SL EPC a few minutes of meeting the deadline, but could not be certified because of the deadline.
2. Contracts were not signed earlier in May 2017 because the District was waiting for USAC SL decisions on two 471's from E-rate years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.
3. The connectivity projects, and materials and services being requested for 2017-2018 were dependent upon E-Rate funds still under PIA review. These funds were going to be used to meet the district's portion of the total project costs.
4. Delays in receiving a final PIA decision on these two 471's created budgeting issues for the district. The district was uncertain just how much would be available in each school's five year budget and how much would be necessary from local funds to complete the planned projects

Approval of Belton School District 124 471's **171047667** and **171047739** will enable our school district to complete essential infrastructure projects and obtain needed related equipment. This will help ensure that robust and effective broadband services are available to our schools and students.

Delay of a year in these two important projects could hamper planned teaching and learning initiatives in our district schools.

Therefore, it is requested that the two 471's in question be allowed to be accepted and processed. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at any time should there be questions.

Respectfully,



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